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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The instant application was allowed April 29, 2004. However, it appears as if the reasons for allowance may not be commensurate with the scope of the claims.

The allowed claims are defined by the words set forth therein, not by the specification or particular embodiments discussed in the specification. In particular, the claims are not limited to embodiments discussed in paragraphs 19, 22, 49 and 50 of the specification which are referenced in the reasons for allowance. Moreover, while transmission, sheet resistance, and/or durability were used to evidence unexpected results, these particular features are not recited or required by all claims. Again, the

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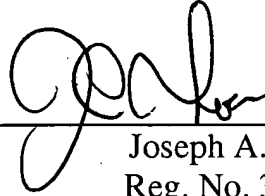
claims are defined by the language set forth therein, and limitations should not be read into the claims from the specification or from the reasons for allowance.

Please let me know if there should be any questions with regard to the above.

Respectfully submitted,

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